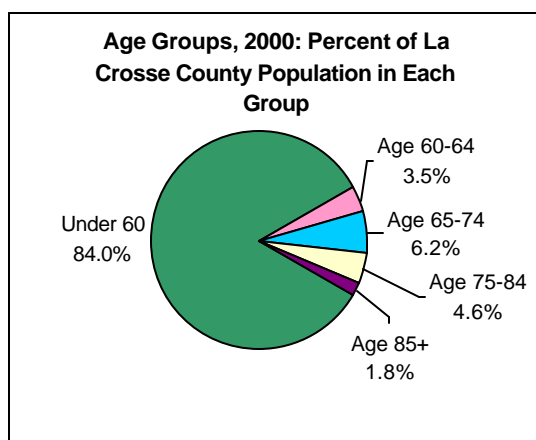

La Crosse County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in La Crosse County is similar to that of the state as a whole (12.5% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been similar in this county to that of the state as a whole (7.2% versus 7.9%). In all, 13,440 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,914 of these are age 85 or older. La Crosse County's average (or median) age is 33.5 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

La Crosse County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	107,120		97,904		9,216	9.4%
Persons 60 and over	17,158	16.0%	16,207	16.6%	951	5.9%
Persons 65 and over	13,440	12.5%	12,541	12.8%	899	7.2%
Persons 85 and over	1,914	1.8%	1,562	1.6%	352	22.5%



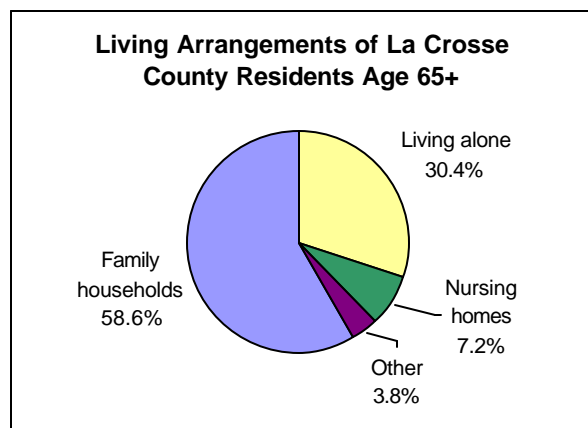
Race:

A large majority (98.8%) of La Crosse County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. La Crosse County African Americans have a median age of 21.7 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.3 years. Whites, in contrast, average 34.7 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 41,599 households in La Crosse County, 9,002 include at least one person age 65 or older (21.6% of all households). A total of 8,512 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 75.3% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (58.6%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 30.4% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.2% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 972 people age 65 and older live in La Crosse County nursing homes (7.2% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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